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REMARKS

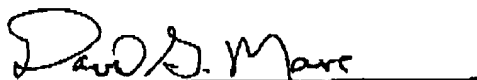
Claims 1-13, 20, 21, 23 and 24 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Strangman in view of Nagaraj and Halliwell. Claims 2, 3 and 6-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 20, 21, 23 and 24 are allowed.

Claims 2 and 6-10 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim, claims 3 and 5 has been made dependent upon claim 2, and claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance.

A fee transmittal form is transmitted concurrently herewith authorizing the fees required for the extra independent claims to be charged to the Siemens Corporation Deposit Account.

Reconsideration of the amended application and allowance of claims 2, 3, 5-13, 20, 21, 23 and 24 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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